

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD MEETING MINUTES (CONCISE)

In order to comply with Connecticut General Statutes regarding minutes of meetings, the following will be used to record information during all public meetings that take place. Motion should be complete, showing the maker and second of the motion, as well as how each member voted. Unanimous votes may be listed as unanimous.

NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION: Wethersfield Board of Education

DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED: May 8, 2025

LOCATION:

Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109

The regular session meeting was live streamed on COX channel 16 or Frontier channel 6101, or the YouTube® Channel, “Wethersfield Government Access TV” by using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfuf-C0gYVVxmD5ilfFTnsQ>

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2025 **TIME MEETING STARTED:** 7:00 p.m.

PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES: Ellen Goslicki

NOTES TAKEN: Yes **AUDIO, VIDEO, OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING:** Yes

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

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| 1. Marjorie Callan Carson | 5. James Reilly |
| 2. Charles T. Carey | 6. Liz Walters |
| 3. Janice Di Roberts | 7. Jon Weiner |
| 4. Christina Hernandez-Williams | 8. Bobbie Hughes Granato Chairperson |

Also present were: WPS Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett; (WPS Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Wihbey - effective July 1, 2025); WPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum & Instruction, Sally Dastoli; WPS Director of Special Education, John Karzar; WPS Director of Security & Residency, Michael Baribault; Webb School Principal, Kyle Craig; Wethersfield Mayor, Ken Lesser; Keane on Kids School Enrichment Program Director, Caroline Fazzina; Keane After School Program Musical Coordinator-Webb School, Cynthia Lesser; Michael Scott, AIA of TSKP Studio LLC; WHS Student Representative, Anxhelika Deda; and Emerson-Williams School Kid BOE Chair, Colin Craig. Members of the public were also present.

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM: 5

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

TEXT MOTION AND RESULTS VOTES:

1st MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. April 22, 2025 Board of Education Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Weiner MOVED to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Session Meeting of April 22, 2025, as submitted. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

2nd MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

a. Recommended Motion: Approval of The Schedule of the Board of Education Meetings for the 2025-2026 School Year

Mr. Carey MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Schedule of the Board of Education Meetings for the 2025-2026 School Year. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Di Roberts.

Discussion: Mr. Carey, Mrs. Granato

Mr. Carey **MOVED to withdraw the Motion** that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Schedule of the Board of Education Meetings for the 2025-2026 School Year. The **motion to withdraw said motion was SECONDED** by Mrs. Di Roberts and **VOTED unanimously**.

3rd MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

b. Recommended Motion: Approval of Educational Specifications for Highcrest Elementary School

Mr. Weiner MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education approve the Educational Specifications for Highcrest Elementary School. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Carey.

DISCUSSION: Michael Scott, AIA of TSKP Studio LLC explained that the motion for Board consideration this evening is the first step in the comprehensive plan discussed at the Board's regular meeting on April 22, 2025. The six (6) phase plan is to comprehensively address all five (5) elementary school sites. He further explained that what the Board would be approving this evening is the educational specifications for that first pivot school which will be located on the Kycia Farm site. That building will be a new facility and, as such, a new construction grant. The facility will house 405 students, which is larger than what will become the typical K through 4

elementary school. This building is larger in order to incorporate 90 additional preschoolers (totaling five preschool classrooms) that will attend the school once the building is done in its swing school function. This education specification builds on the basic idea that every K through four elementary school will have three (3) classrooms per grade and with one (1) additional classroom to take on any demographic surges that the neighborhood school might encounter in the future.

Discussion: Mrs. Di Roberts, Ms. Callan Carson, Ms. Hernandez-Williams, and Mr. Carey.

The motion was VOTED unanimously.

4th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

11. Proposed for Executive Session

Mrs. Granato MOVED to leave public session and enter into an Executive Session at approximately 8:37 p.m. for the purpose of **a) Action on Appointment of Principal - Charles Wright Elementary School.** The motion was SECONDED by Mt. Carey and VOTED unanimously.

Present for executive session:

Wethersfield Board of Education Members:

C. Carey, M. Callan-Carson, J. Di Roberts, C. Hernandez-Williams,
B. Granato, J. Reilly, E. Walters

Note: The School Principal candidate was invited in at 9:05 p.m.

5th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

Mrs. Granato MOVED to leave executive session and re-enter public session at 9:18 p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Walters and VOTED unanimously.

6th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed ____ Tabled

Mr. Carey MOVED that the Wethersfield Board of Education appoint David Huber to the position of Principal of Charles Wright Elementary School at a salary of \$165,774.00, which is consistent with the Agreement between Wethersfield Board of Education and Wethersfield School Administrators Association effective as negotiated. This appointment would be effective July 1, 2025. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously.

7th MOTION: X Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled

Mrs. Granato MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Reilly and VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Laccavole, Vice-Chairperson – Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Ellen Goslicki, Recording Secretary

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:19 p.m.

TIME EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: 9:18 p.m.

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: